



RECOLLECTIONS OF A BRAVE FIGHTER

Chancellorsville as Impressed on
the Memory of One Who
Was There.

HOW HOOKER WAS FOOLED

A Rebel Soldier from Maine
Meets Old Schoolmaster On
Other Side.

Editor of The Times-Dispatch:

Sir—I have seen so much to interest me in the different battles of our late war, that I have been particularly interested in some accounts of the Chancellorsville battle of 1862. On the 24 day of May we were ordered to fall in, having been told that the Union army was marching in the direction of the ford and halted in a line of earthworks near a road not far from our camp. Pretty soon we heard firing in our front, and then all of us were on the lookout for the appearance of an enemy. We were not sure whether it was our cavalry or the enemy.

Colonel Taylor's Narrow Escape.

Our officers were also uncertain who they were. So Colonel Taylor, on General Mahone's staff, went forward to ascertain who they were. He was nearly killed, and then he ordered him to halt and surrender. Not being made of the material that would surrender on the first call, I think if memory serves me correctly, he drew his pistol and fired on them at close range, and turned his horse around and came back to our camp. When getting near the road our regiment, the Twelfth Virginia, was ordered to go forward as skirmishers, which we did. At the same time we were leaving a good target in our rear, and we still wondered what it all meant. We saw no enemy in our front at the time we started to skirmish.

Went Right Ahead.

But forward we went up a little rise of hill, and very soon found a plenty to do, as they had a strong line of skirmishers to oppose us up that little rise. Our officers drove the enemy back to their line of battle. On the front of our regiment was a little farm inclosed by a cedar brush fence, with a few fruit trees, mostly apples. It fell to my lot to occupy the space in the center of the little farm. We advanced and drove the skirmishers of the enemy across that field three times on to their line of battle, which they had three. We had orders to drive them that far and fall back. We did so, and of course, lost a good many good men. I will mention, Captain R. Banks, of Company E, Twelfth Virginia, and a true Christian soldier and gentleman, who fell with a severe wound and died a few years after. I was from the front of that day skirmish. Never will the writer forget the look of that friend and comrade, who he attempted to drive off the field, when he said: "Take care of yourself and let me lie where I am." I was in a little bit of a predicament, as the enemy was advancing. A small log house was near, and we made for that, and stood behind the side of it. We saw one of the boys going directly in front, and was very much surprised, as we loaded the second time and were ordered to open up our guns, to hear the order to surrender.

Surrounded by Blue Coats.

We cast our eyes the other way to the left, and found about 25,000 or 30,000 in solid column on our left and rear. Of course we gave up, and were sent to the rear. We saw one of the One Hundred and Eighty New York Infantry. What was in our front was a New York regiment and a Pennsylvania regiment and Wilson's Zouaves. We had been driving their skirmishers back and forth, not thinking of our fate, and when we saw the blue coats, we were near to help us out, but afterward we found they had been ordered to fall back to Salem Church. One of two of our boys were taken in capture we were sent to the Chancellorsville House, which was General Hooker's headquarters.

Hooker Was Severe.

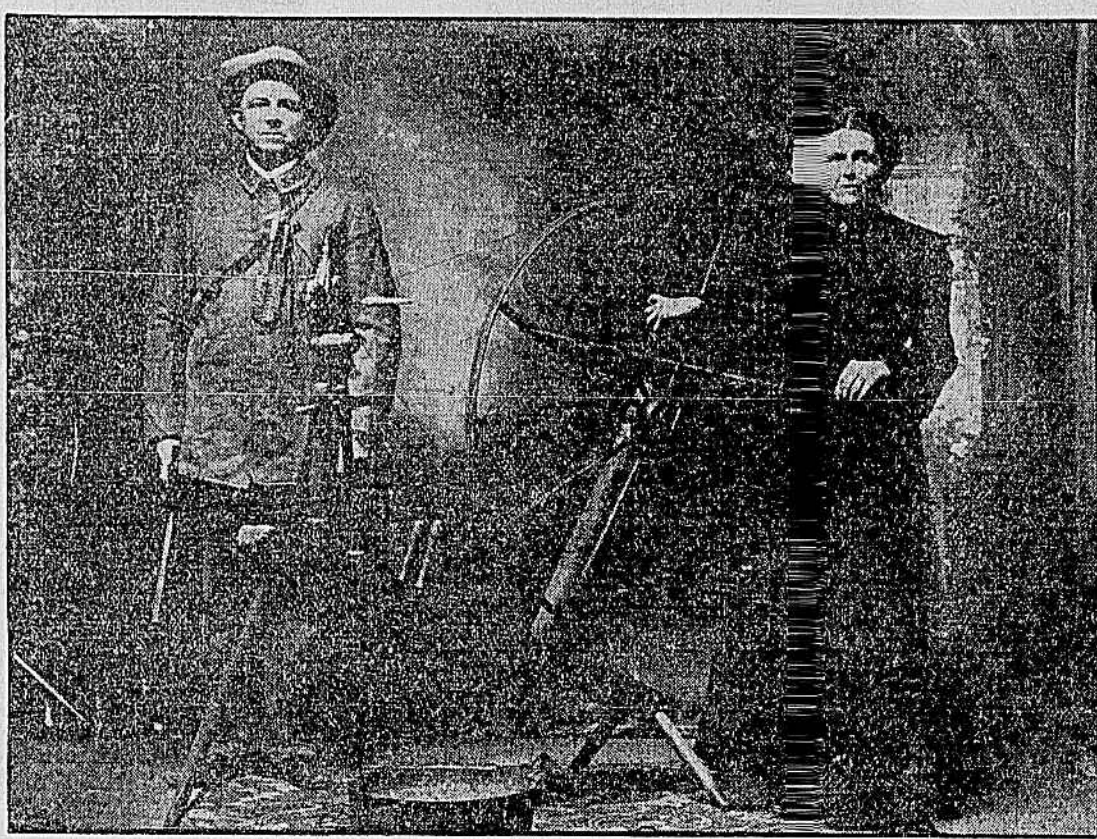
While we were being moved, one of the staff of Hooker made up of very much excited and told the general that they would have to make a move from the ground, as there was a lot of fire off from the ford. Hooker's reply was, "Do not get excited. We will move them very soon from our front." At the name that our front was being moved, we were two lines of infantry. And not a man was allowed to rise from the ground, and cut off Hooker, which could have been done, had he known the situation as well as we did at the same time. The troops were lying in columns from

the ford to the Chancellorsville House, with only room enough between each column to stack the guns. Coming up from the ford was a line of pack mules, with two boxes of ammunition, each being led by a soldier. In front of the house were the headquarters of Hooker, and the minute the rebels saw the top of the mules, the same. The drivers became excited, and in the attempt to turn out of the range of the fire, they jockeyed wheels. At that time we were ordered to go across the river under a guard from Maine.

A Rebel from Maine.

One of the prisoners was a member of Company A, Twelfth Virginia Regiment, who originally came from the same State, and strange to say, all of the Maine guards were old schoolmates of his. Their greeting was, "Hello, Bradley, how is it you are in the rebel army?" Bradley replied: "I was here with the boys, and took sides with them—that is why." They told him he would go to Washington, take the bath and go home. Bradley's answer was, no bath for him. He declared he would return and fight it out until the end. And he was as good as his word. He was taken to Washington in the old Capital Prison, kept eighteen days, and then paroled and sent to City Point, and from there to Petersburg, where

A PICTURE THAT TELLS A TALE



When the Civil War broke out and the call of the Southland for volunteers to defend the principles it so gallantly maintained for four years was heard, Colonel Cummins, then a boy of sixteen, was one of the first to respond. On the old spinning wheel he had his little farm. He afterward wove into cloth of gray, and made for him his first uniform suit. Then shouldering an old squirrel rifle he marched to the front, and made a record in the eyes of the South that he was not ashamed to own up to. Through those years of struggle, that went so hard with the folks at home, Colonel Cummins's sister, Mrs. Callie

Thompson, who now lives six miles southwest of Neocoma, was only a child eleven years old at the beginning of the war, but day after day she did her part—she and that old spinning wheel. In supplying thread of cotton and of wool for the loom.

On To Washington.

But to return. After we were taken across the river we were marched down to Fairmount and how true his prediction. General Kilpatrick had charge of all prisoners. He expressed himself as being very pleased to have us. He gave us a hearty welcome. He said we would have a plenty of company in a few hours from behind him and his prediction to send 30,000 troops in Lee's rear in the morning. We were called out very early on the 4th of May, as we knew General Lee's force was crossing, as Jackson would drive us then at Chancellorsville. But to see thirty thousand move in the rear of Hooker's headquarters. He also advised him to let another line or two at Fredericksburg, as General Lee would drive the most of those in crossing that were not captured or killed. How true his predictions were fulfilled. When our noble leader, with his little squad, as compared with the army, was taken and rear pell mell back across the Rapidan and compelled him to leave his camp and retreat behind him and run with ammunition as booty, taken from the best equipped army of any land, well may the world count General R. E. Lee the greatest strategist of the age.

GEORGE W. IVES.

Co. E, 12th Va. Infantry.

FAMILIES OF FIGHTERS.

The Trices and the Joneses, of Old Louisiana County.

Referring to large family groups who fought in the Confederate ranks, Mr. W. K. Jones, of Virgo, Louisiana county, writes as follows:

The Trice Boys.

Mrs. Martha H. Trice sent seven sons, at the first tap of the drum, to the service of her State, as follows: Andrew, enlisted in 1861; being a fine mechanic, he was detailed as a bridge-builder.

Alfred, enlisted in Company C, Fifty-sixth Virginia Regiment.

Adison, enlisted in Company C, Fifty-sixth Virginia Regiment; wounded in the leg at Fort Donelson, he

was placed by his captain behind a tree for safety. Recovering some strength and using his musket as a crutch, he went back to the fight and was killed in a few minutes. Dabney (Tap), enlisted April 17, 1861, in Company D, Thirtieth Virginia Regiment; seven times wounded; four wounds were received while fighting with another company, was General Jackson's leave of absence in his pocket. While at home, not quite recovered from wounds, he armed himself with a shotgun and killed and captured another of Stoneman's raiders. While at home disabled by a wound received in the Wilderness, he captured one of Sheridan's men, taking his horse and arms. Though wounded in the hand a few days before the retreat from Petersburg, and unable to use his musket, he remained with the regiment and was paroled at Appomattox.

Robert, enlisted 17th April, 1861, in Company D, Thirtieth Virginia Regiment; killed at Cold Harbor in 1862.

John, enlisted 17th April, 1861, in Company D, Thirtieth Virginia Regiment; wounded in 1863.

Monroe, enlisted 17th April, 1861, in Company D, Thirtieth Virginia Regiment; killed at Cold Harbor in 1862. This splendid old mother in Israel had another son (Frank) much too young to enlist. Late in the war, as her gallant boys, the prop and stay of her widowed old age, were being taken, she said she thanked God Frank would be big enough to fight in a year or two.

The Jones Brothers.

The six Jones brothers enlisted in April and May, 1861.

Tom, enlisted in May in Leake's Battery; transferred in 1862 to Company A, Twenty-third Virginia Regiment; wounded in 1863. John, enlisted April, 1861, in Company A, Twenty-third Virginia Regiment; killed at Payne's farm in 1863. This man received permission of his captain to leave the ranks to get a pair of shoes after midnight of the 4th General Jackson moved up to

not with out wounds. All passed until the close of the war, except the oldest one, who died in 1883, at this time was allowed to go home to take charge of the farm. L. D. died about eighteen months ago, and J. V. died two months ago.

Richmond, July, 1907.

MR. DANIEL ON THE TARIFF.

His View is Not Altogether to the Lik- ing of Colonel Watterson.

With reference to the tariff, the attitude of Senator Daniel is less confident. He says we never had a tariff framed upon any technical theory advocated before its passage. The correctness of this statement may well be doubted. If the present tariff was not framed upon the theory that it ought to be altered it is impossible to say why it was passed. If the tariff law of 1846 was not based upon a theory that a tariff should be for revenue; if that theory was not fully satisfied when it was further reduced in 1857, with the consent of all parties, because it was producing too much revenue, then the history of the country has been written in vain. But Senator Daniel goes on to say that we need a judicious revision of the tariff, not a winking or a doctrinaire revision. Nobody need object to a judicious revision, for that is always in order. It is hardly in order to invent a revision that does not revise, or a real revision which puts up competitive rates instead of putting them down.

The demand for revision is so strong and so general that it looks as if some thing will have to be done to conciliate public sentiment. What we have to fear is not a doctrinaire revision, not a revision that will wreck industry, but changes that will keep the wool of promise to the ear and break it to our hope. To talk of pay-

THE GALESKIOPTICAL COLUMN



Westwood.

A request for the Westwood family has been made, but so far as present records go, very little is to be obtained in Virginia. Though they bore arms, and entered the State at an early period.

The first of the name in the colony were Humphrey and Randall Westwood, who settled in York county about 1620. Henning speaks of Humphrey, as well as William and Warlick. Humphrey was the first emigrant and progenitor of the family in Virginia. They seem to have remained in and around Hampton and Elizabeth City county, as we find William Westwood, of Hampton, living there up to 1800, about which time he died, leaving a daughter, Jennie, and a son, John S. Westwood.

Bishop Meade says that Warlick (probably a son of Humphrey) was a vestryman in the early church at Hampton, Elizabeth City county, in 1751, also as was William Westwood, who seems to have been a promoter in church affairs. After this the family seems to have died out, or left the State, as there appears no further trace of them. From their arms, however, it is to be inferred that they were of distinction in England, by the significance of the various blazons, which are thus given:

"Arms: sable, a lion rampant argent, crowned with a mural crown, or; three crosses-crozier, fitcher, or; Crest: a stork's head, surmounted, gorged with a mural crown, or." No motto given.

The loin was usually granted only to those who had served in the King's service, and this in being also crowned with a mural crown. (Being reasoned, and the top embellished) proved that some of the family had fought in battle. These mural crowns were conferred by the old Romans on the soldier who first scaled the walls of a rampart or besieged town. The cross, too, was a mark of attention, and only conferred upon "officials." It is said, "so superlatively did those times (William I.) think of the cross, that they held all things sanctified that bore the sign of it; and therefore used it religiously in their charters," and this was the origin of persons who could not write their names, to make the sign of a cross instead. The cross as given here is called a cross-crozier, or one having its limbs also crossed, which signifies that they are extended to the extremities of the Eschutcheon. When the cross is pointed at the base, it is called "fitcher," or ficed. Crosses of this description are said to have been carried by the early Christians in their pilgrimages, so that they might be readily fixed in the ground whilst performing their devotions.

The stork in the crest is emblematic of piety and gratitude, and were held in great veneration by many of the early Kings, and were prohibited by law from being disturbed; hence, the storks would build their nests on the tops of castles and other high buildings, where they were always welcomed and encouraged. The one in the Westwood arms is "gorged," or have around its neck a mural crown. As a matter of fact, the Eschutcheon would read: That the early members of the Westwood family were knights in the King's service, one of whom had been first in the capture of a castle or walled town—that some of them had been pilgrims to the Holy Land or in the wars of the Crusades—and that they lived in castles, over which flew the sacred stork.

Huger.

In reply that the "Huger family," as written it is only necessary to say that this ancient and distinguished Southern family has already been fully given in the Gulf State Historical Magazine and Alabama papers of 1903; yet, as many of the Huger descendants have married into Virginia families, the following extracts are taken: Daniel Huger, the emigrant, settled in South Carolina in 1771. He brought with him the arms of the family, described as follows:

"Arms: argent, a human head, emitting flames from between two laurel branches, fructed in chief, and an anchor erect in base, all ppr., between two flaunches, azure, each charged with a fleur de lis, or; Crest: A sprig; thersion: A Virginia nightingale, ppr. Motto:—Libi libertas, libi patria."

John Huger, one of the four sons of Daniel, lived in South Carolina; he was born June 5, 1744; died 22d January, 1804. Married twice: first, Charlotte, daughter of John Huger, widow of Cusack.

The children by his second wife, Ann Brown, daughter of Dr. Robert Brown, of whom we are more interested, are as follows:

(1) John, born 1782; died 1853; married Ann H. Glover, and had five children—(1) Margaret H., married Col. James Shinkler, and had five children. (a) William, married Mary Simons—he is now living, having children and grandchildren. (b) Ann G., married Dr. William H. Huger, and had five children. (c) Gabrielle Devoeux—two children. (3) Ann, married William S. Elliott—two children. (4) Alfred, married Jane Umer—three children. (5) Elizabeth, married S. B. Brown, of Virginia—two children. (6) Alfred, second son, born 1788; died without issue. He was postmaster at Charleston, 1832 to 1861.

(7) Benjamin, M. D., born 1793; died 1874. Married twice. First, May 1817, Jane Temple, who died 1850, by whom two children—(1) John Chapman, married Henrietta Parker Lynch—one child. (2) Thomas Bee, born 1820; killed 1862, as Captain in Confederate States Navy at New Orleans. He married 1845, Marianne Mead, of Philadelphia; they had five children.

(a) John Chapman, born 1848; died 1880—married. (b) Jane Temple, born 1840; married James Lafitte. (c) Charles Mead, born 1851, married Rut-

ledge Parker. (d) Thomas Bee, born 1852; married Caroline B. Smith. (e) Marianne Mead, born 1855; married Edward H. Prioleau.

By the second marriage of Dr. Benjamin Huger, with Sarah Isaacson, of London, who died 1885, were four children:

(1) William Harleston, M. D., born 1820; married 1860, Sabina Huger Lowndes, now living.

(2) Eliza, born 1823; married Alfred H. Dunkin, 1867.

(3) Sarah Quash, born 1831; married James M. Calder, 1861; has children living in England. He was United States Postmaster at Charleston, S. C., from 1855 to 1867.

(4) Benjamin Frost, born 1836; died 1887; married Ann Mary Walker, who died 1881, leaving six children: (a) Frances Parker, born 1867. (c) Sarah Harleston, born 1869, and married 1870; married Henry J. Carver. (d) Benjamin, born 1872; married, of Virginia. (e) William Harleston, born 1874; died 1877. (f) Mary Parker, born 1876.

The above is taken from the "Huger Pedigree," 1890. Mr. Alfred Huger, of Charleston, S. C., writes, in reply to an invitation to attend the marriage of Major Thomas L. Brown and Miss Mary M. Fontaine, in St. James Church, Richmond, Va., on June 7, 1896:

"Charles, S. C., June 10, 1896. "Major Thomas L. Brown, Richmond, Va."

"My Dear Sir—I received your note and its enclosures announcing to me and after all the sufferings that a bitter war has inflicted, your victory was celebrated at St. James Church on Thursday last."

"Accept our sympathy! As I trust God will accept our prayers for your happiness and welfare! Say to my new cousin, in affectionate remembrance, that I congratulate her on the privilege of conferring the richest bounty on a faithful soldier; and tell her, that if experience gives wisdom, I ought to be a judge in these cases, for I have served under the commanding officer (my ancestor) for nearly fifty years without a murmur or a regret."

"My family join me in all the fervent wishes for you both. Very truly yours, "ALFRED HUGER."

Dates.

In answer to several queries as to the Bates family, will present briefly the earliest names found in Colonial records are David, Thomas Fleming and Joseph, the latter recorded as being in a regiment from Augusta county, 1763. The Bateses settled in Goochland, 1744, and we find John Bates in the church vestry of Halifax county, 1752. Thomas Fleming Bates was in Henrico county from 1752 to 1776. The family were also largely settled in Spotsylvania, where Humphrey Bates, 1750, and James Bates, with Mary, his wife (who was a Miss Mitchell), 1751, were living, but in 1799 they moved to Fauquier county.

Many of the Bates family belonged to the Society of Friends (or Quakers), and in their church records of Goochland county is recorded the marriage of Hannah Bates, daughter of Susan Bates, widow of Bates, who afterwards married Stephen Woodson, by whom a daughter, Elizabeth Woodson, Hannah Bates married Robert Esley December 23, 1744, the ceremony being witnessed by Charles and James Bates. The principal point in the Bates family desired is the name of the Bates who married Eliza Bell, and had a daughter, Judith Cary Bates, who married John Friend. This Eliza Bell was the fourth child of David Bell, of Southhampton, married Judith Cary, sister of Colonel Archibald Cary, of Amherst, Va. They settled near Lynchburg, Va. Now, the Bells were also Quakers, and Captain David Bell we find as living in Northumberland, 1751, who must have been the same as the David, Scotland, Va. However, fail to place the marriage of this Captain David Bell with any of the Cary family, but do find Fleming Bates, which proves that the family had early connection with the Flemings, as evidenced by the fact that Bates, son of the first Thomas Fleming Bates, to have been the one who married Eliza Bell. David Bell at one time was a merchant of Henrico county; in 1744 he bought lots in the town of Fredericksburg, Va., and sold the same in 1745 to Charles Coleman, a Quaker of Fredericksburg. William Bell, his brother, was second lieutenant in the militia of Spotsylvania, 1766.

Wanted.

Will "N. B." who desired information in regard to the Ware-Mattox family, send their address to a descendant of the Mattox family, in care of Times-Dispatch Genealogical Column?

MATTOX.

Will some descendant of Colonel John Hunter, of Elizabeth City, 1752, give present or last known date, or extent bearing upon this subject?

HUNTER.

Wickam.

This name descended from Wyckham, time of Edward I., England. William Wyckham, born 1224, and 1264, was Bishop of Winchester. The name has since become Wickam and Wickham. The Rev. William Wickham was one of the first ministers in the colony; he preached at Jamestown, 1616, and in 1620 was in charge of the church at Henricopolis, Bermuda Hundred, and preached up and down the river for several years. Henning gives John Wickham as one of the early settlers, probably brother of William; from him descended John Wickham, of Richmond, 1800; his son, William C. Wickham, born 1820, was general in Confederate War, and State Senator, 1882-3; he was also long in the service of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway. He died in 1888. Not much further can be given at present.

Sellin.

The following is the true version of the capture of Sellin, the Algerine, as sent us by the Rev. Dr. Fleming, of Lynchburg:

"He was found by Samuel Glens, an inhabitant of Augusta county, who was hunting in the backgrounds. When discovered the man was in a pitiable condition, emaciated and evidently

famishing, being entirely naked except a few rags tied around his feet, and his body almost covered with scabs. After a few days' rest Glens placed him upon one of his horses, which he had taken with him to carry his gun, and brought him to Captain Dickinson's, near the 'Window Cave,' the 'Window Cave' being in Bath county, near Millboro. On a court day Captain Dickinson brought Sellin to Staunton, where he attracted much attention. The Rev. John Craig, then pastor of the Old Stone Church, took him to his home. Having a desire to return to his old home in Algeria, Mr. Craig raised a sum of money for him, and giving him a letter to the Hon. Robert Carter, of Westmoreland county, then living in Williamsburg, sent him on his way. Mr. Carter did all that was asked of him, furnishing more money to Selim, and securing passage for him to England. Selim returned to Virginia in a state of insanity. In such intervals he stated that he had found his way home, but had been rejected and driven off by his father when he learned that the son had abandoned Mohammedanism and had become a Christian. He came again to Captain Dickinson's, and from there wandered to the Warm Springs, and then went to Mr. Carter's residence in Westmoreland.

"Bishop Meade probably heard of Selim in Gloucester, and as one who had been befriended by 'Col. Dickinson'."

"Dickinson's Fort was on the Cowpasture River, some four miles below Millboro (says Vaddell). John Dickinson is given in the court-martial record as one of the Captains of militia, 1768. Rev. Dr. William T. Price, now of Marlinton, Pocahontas county, found a tradition in eastern Highland county that it was on the Bullpasture River, several miles below the present village of McDowell, that Samuel Glens found Selim, the Algerine."

Giles Rogers.

The genealogy of "The Giles Rogers family of Virginia," with an appendix of "The Zachary Lewis family of Virginia," which was published in the Genealogical Columns of the Sunday Times-Dispatch July 21, 1907, was written by the Hon. John C. Underwood, of Kentucky.

S. R. TWYMAN.

Wily, Buckingham county, Va.

He Took "The Same."

"You say you were in the saloon at the time of the assault referred to in the complaint," questioned the lawyer.

"I was," replied the witness.

"Did you take cognizance of the barkeeper at the time?"

"I don't know what he called it, but I took what the rest did."—Milwaukee Sentinel.

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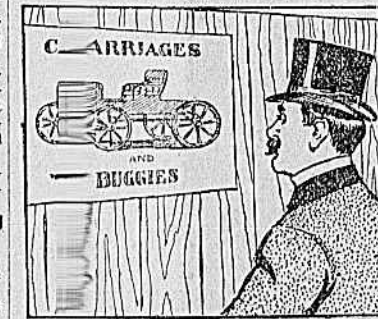
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Aye, though it be delayed a thousand years; In Southern hearts enthroned, he reigns to-day. Our matchless, grand, Confederate Chief.

F. H. MARR.

Large Lunenburg Family. Editor Times-Dispatch:

Sir—Old Lunenburg county can say as much as some other counties as far as Confederate soldiers are concerned. Henry G. Hardy had eight sons. Five entered the army at the beginning of the war—aged from sixteen years and six months to twenty-five years—two being two young and one not able to serve. C. M. Hardy in cavalry, R. V. Hardy in Wise Brigade, R. L. Hardy in Missouri Army, L. E. and J. T. Hardy in the Eighteenth Virginia Regiment, Pickett's Division. All came out, but